Human cloning

3152. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to allow human cloning with some ethical guidelines;

(b) if so, whether these ethical guidelines will have any impact; and

(c) how does Government plan to ensure that the medical world abides by it alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (c) The Central Ethics Committee on Human Research (CECHR) of Indian Council of Medical Research, has evolved a set of ethical guidelines, namely; "Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research on Human Subjects". According to these guidelines, the possibility of human cloning cannot be rejected. However, since its safety, success, utility and ethical acceptability has not yet been established, research on cloning with intent to produce an identical human being has been prohibited. The guidelines have been accepted and circulated among all the scientific institutions in the country involved in research on human beings for its compliance.

Funds to Uttaranchal under RCHP

3153. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Uttaranchal since its inception to date under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated for this purpose are being diverted for other purposes in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to check such diversion and misuse of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) Allocations of funds under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme by the Government of India are made to State as a whole and not to districts. The details of the funds allocated/released to Uttaranchal since its inception are as under :-